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SUBJECT: COMBUSTION ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR SIX 600
MW BOILERS

1. WASHINGTON D.C. VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMBUSTION ENGINEERING HAS CONTACTED MEPD REGARDING THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FR SIX 600 MW BOILERS. FOR STATION YY EASTERN TRANSVAAL SITE AS REPORTED IN FINANCIAL MAIL ARTICLE FEBRUARY 22, 1974, PAGE 651. FIRST TWO 600 MW SETS (BOILERS, TURBINES, AND GENERATORS) READY BY 1979, WITH REMAINING FOUR UNITS AT RATE OF ONE PER YEAR.

2. COMBUSTION ENGINEERING IS CONCERNED REGARDING RUMORS THAT THE GERMANS ARE IN A STRONG POSITION BASED ON FACTORS OTHER THAN COST AND TECHNOLOGY AND IS SEEKING GUIDANCE AS TO ACTIONS THEY MAY TAKE TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION IN THIS NEGOTIATION.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INVESTIGATION AND REPORT BY RETURN CABLE ON PROJECT STATUS AND OF ANY POLITICAL OR OTHER FACTORW WHICH MAY BE INFULENCING THE OUTCOME OF THE
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